

H. R. No. 102.

FEBRUARY 27, 1816.

Read twice and committed to a Committee of the whole House
on Thursday next.

A Bill

*Providing for the sale of the tract of Land at the Lower Rapids of
Sandusky River.*

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*
3 *so much of the tract of land of two miles square, at the "low-*
4 *er rapids of Sandusky river," ceded by the Wyandots, Dela-*
5 *wares, Shawanoes, Ottawas, Chippewas, Patawatamies, Mia-*
6 *mis, Eel River, Weeas, Kickapoos, Piankashaws, and Kaskas-*
7 *kias tribes of Indians, to the United States, by the treaty of*
8 *Greeneville, of the 3d of August, 1795, shall, under the di-*
9 *rection of the surveyor general, be laid off into town lots,*
10 *streets, and avenues, and into out lots, in such manner and*
11 *of such dimensions, as he may judge proper: Provided, the*
12 *tract so to be laid off shall not exceed the quantity of land*

13 contained in one entire section, nor the town lots one quarter
 14 of an acre each. When the survey of the lots shall be com-
 15 pleted, a plat thereof shall be returned to the surveyor gene-
 16 ral, on which the town lots and out lots shall, respectively, be
 17 designated by progressive numbers, who shall cause two
 18 copies to be made, one to be transmitted, with a copy of the
 19 field notes, to the commissioner of the general land-office, and
 20 the other to the register of the land-office at Wooster.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That previously to the
 2 disposal at public sale of the before-mentioned tract of land,
 3 the surveyor general shall, and he is hereby directed, to re-
 4 survey and mark the exterior lines of the said tract, conforma-
 5 bly to the survey made in the year one thousand eight hun-
 6 dred and seven, by virtue of the act of the third of March,
 7 one thousand eight hundred and five, and also to cause divi-
 8 sional lines to be run through each fractional section, and of
 9 the adjoining quarter section, so that each subdivision, having
 10 one front on the river, may contain, as nearly as may be,
 11 eighty acres each. And in like manner to cause the large
 12 island lying in the west half of section number one, to be sur-
 13 veyed, and the same to be divided into two equal parts: *Pro-*
 14 *vided,* that in running the subdivisinal lines no interference
 15 shall be made affecting the selection or location hereafter to

16 be made under the direction of the secretary of war: *Pro-*
 17 *vided also*, that in no case shall the subdivisional lines be so
 18 run as to extend to, or embrace, the bed of the river, which
 19 shall be deemed and is hereby declared to be a public highway.
 20 *And provided also*, that the whole expense of re-surveying and
 21 marking the exterior lines of the said cession, and running
 22 and marking the subdivisional lines of the fractional and quar-
 23 ter sections, lying adjacent to the river, shall not exceed three
 24 dollars for every mile actually surveyed, re-surveyed, and
 25 marked, by virtue of this and the preceding section.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all the land contain-
 2 ed within the aforesaid cession of two miles square, shall,
 3 with the exception of as many town lots and out lots as in the
 4 opinion of the secretary of the treasury may be necessary to
 5 reserve for the support of schools within the same, and with
 6 the exception also of the salt springs and land reserved for
 7 the use of the same, be offered for sale to the highest bidder,
 8 at Wooster, in the State of Ohio, under the direction of the
 9 register and receiver of the land-office, and on such day or
 10 days as shall, by a public proclamation of the President
 11 of the United States, be designated for that purpose.—
 12 The sale for the divided quarter sections, fractional sections,
 13 and of the town lots and out lots, shall remain open at Wooster

14 for seven days, and no longer. The divided quarter sections,
15 and fractional sections, shall not be sold for less than two
16 dollars an acre ; the inlots for less than twenty dollars each,
17 nor any outlot for less than at the rate of five dollars per acre ;
18 and shall, in every other respect, be sold on the same terms
19 and conditions as have been, or may be provided by law, for
20 the lands sold north of the River Ohio, and above the mouth of
21 Kentucky River. All the land, other than what is excepted
22 as above mentioned, remaining unsold at the closing of the
23 public sales, may be disposed of at private sale by the regis-
24 ter of the land-office, at Wooster, agreeably to the provisions
25 of this act, and in the same manner, under the same regulations
26 and conditions as are, or may be provided by law, for the sale
27 of the public lands of the United States, north of the River
28 Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky River. And patents
29 shall be obtained for all lands granted or sold within the said
30 cession, in the same manner, and on the same terms, as are or
31 may be provided by law for land sold in the State of Ohio.
32 The superintendants of the public sales, directed by this sec-
33 tion, shall receive four dollars each, for each day's attendance
34 on the said sales.